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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OBTAINING FATTY ACID ESTERS FROM
NATIVE OILS AND FATS BY MEANS OF THE ENZYMATIC SEPARATION
THEREOF
Docket No.: 460868.00020

PETITION FOR FILING DATE

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Dear Sir:

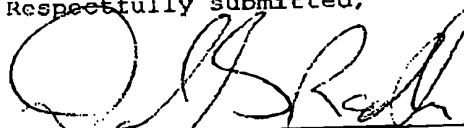
Pursuant to Rule 1.10(e) Applicant hereby petitions that the above application be awarded a filing date of December 18, 2003, and be provided with an official U.S. patent application serial number. Applicant notes that the enclosed papers are true and correct copies of a U.S. national phase patent application filed by the undersigned on December 18, 2003, by Express Mail. Also enclosed are true and correct copies of the Shipment History and Express Mail label confirming U.S. Mail receipt of the filing on that date.

Applicant has not received either a date-stamped return post card, or an official Notification of the Patent Application Serial Number and sufficient time has now lapsed since the filing date. Thus, Applicant is assuming that the USPTO as the Receiving Office never received the filing.

If it has not received the application, Applicant would appreciate the USPTO as the Receiving Office considering the enclosed materials as constituting a filing as of 18 December 2003, and receiving the official filing receipt as soon as possible.

While no fee is believed necessary for consideration of this petition, should one be required, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055 for the amount of the fee. Should the USPTO as the Receiving Office have any questions regarding this matter, please call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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